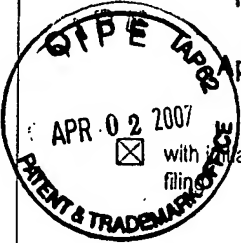


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- I believe I am an original and first ☒ and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth in an application for patent entitled:

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I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 including, for continuation-in-part applications, such information that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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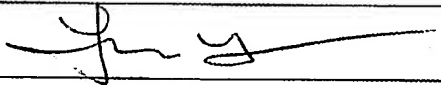
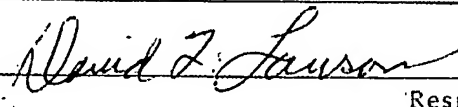
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